

FUNDING FOR STUDENT COURSE PROJECTS DRIVES OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

	Types of Class Projects Based on Funding (in types 1-3, total funding per project per semester should be <\$15K)	Student Ownership per IP Policy	Student Project Agreement Required (implies deliverables)	Student Participation Agreement Required (“Creator” under IP Policy)
1	Class project supported by third party funding/materials/ equipment; deliverables to third party; terms and conditions required (“Sponsored Project”)	NO	YES	YES
2	Class project supported by donation of cash or in-kind; no deliverables to third party (“Gift”)	NO	NO	YES
3	Class project supported by third party funding; only deliverable to third party is a report; no terms and conditions required (“Small Restricted Receipts”)	NO	NO	YES
4	Class project supported by only internal funding	YES*	NO	NO*
5	Class project has no funding (i.e. does not fit any of the above categories)	YES*	NO	NO*

Note: Types 1-3 are considered “sponsored” by a third party under the IP Policy.

Notes

*Student may choose to assign rights in exchange for treatment as “creator” under University IP Policy – call CURF

*University employee participation in a project may introduce the possibility of joint ownership between student and University – call CURF

*If student is working on a problem posed by an external party and the external party provides inventive contribution, possibility of joint ownership between student and company – call CURF

*If student using University background intellectual property for the project, University owns new IP created in the project and student may need to sign Student Participation Agreement before initiating project – call CURF

General Advice

- For vast majority of student course projects, cases outlined as 1-3 on previous slide regarding funding will not apply
- Gifts should be documented via a gift agreement
- If intellectual property is created during the commission of a project, please contact CURF in order to fill out an invention disclosure
- If you anticipate using your own background IP in a sponsored student course project (outlined as 1-3 on previous slide), please contact CURF prior to starting your project (because students will need to assign their rights to any IP created during the project)
- If you are having discussions with a potential sponsor for a project and you have questions about deliverables or the appropriate contract, please contact Office of Industrial Contracts, JoAnna Floyd

Contact Information

For questions about Intellectual Property, assignment of student rights, invention disclosures, please contact:

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